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RESPONSE

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2002, the period for response to which extends to November 18, 2002 with a one month Petition for an Extension of Time submitted herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the fifth paragraph on page 5 with the following paragraph:

The swinging mechanism B includes a motor 5, a disk 14 and an arm member 16. A pinion gear 12 is installed on the rotating or drive shaft 11 of the motor 5, which is fastened to a frame 10. The pinion gear 12 engages with a flat gear 13 that is mounted on shaft 12a as illustrated in Figure 2. The disk 14 is formed coaxially with the flat gear 13 as an integral unit with the flat gear 13. A single recessed groove 15 is formed in the inside surface of the disk 14.

Groove 15 runs in the circumferential direction.